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- Life is simple, you make choices and you don’t look back (Han, Tokyo Drift)
- We all live in suspense, from day to day, from hour to hour; in other words we are the hero of our own story. (Mary McCarthy, American writer)
- People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. (Bonnie Jean Wasmund)
- If you want to get somewhere, you have to know where you want to go and how to get there. Then never, never, never give up. (Normant Vincent Peale)
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ABSTRACT

Thematic progression refers to the way in which the theme of a clause may pick up, or repeat, a meaning from a preceding theme or rheme.

This thesis, entitled “Thematic Progression of Reader’s Letters on The Jakarta Post Newspaper, has two objectives. The first is to examine the theme and Rheme realized Thematic Progression of Reader’s Letters on The Jakarta Post Newspaper October 2011 edition. The second is to find out the types of thematic progression of Reader’s Letters on The Jakarta Post Newspaper October 2011 edition.

The qualitative research is a procedure of research, in which the collected data will not be created by statistic procedure. The researcher selects the data which are considered to be typical of the wider population.

Based on the data analyzed outcome, most of the readers’ letters employed the thematic progression of theme reitteration or constant theme, followed by zig-zag pattern. While multiple pattern is rarely employed in their writting.